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FOLLOWING IS UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION FROM GERMAN OF GENERAL
STATEMENT MADE MAY 15 BY GDR REP BRIE. BEGIN TEXT:

1. THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC HAS ALWAYS SUPPORTED ANY
EFFORTS FOR DETENTE, INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AND IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE PRINCIPLES OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE AMONG STATES HAVING
DIFFERENT SOCIAL SYSTEMS. BY CONSTRUCTIVE STEPS OF ITS OWN,
IT HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE POSITIVE CHANGES IN THE EUROPEAN
SITUATION THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN ACHIEVED.

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2. IN THE PAST TWO DECADES THERE HAS BEEN NO LACK OF EFFORTS AND PROPOSALS OF THE SOCIALIST STATES, INCLUDING THE GDR, FOR DISARMAMENT AND LIMITATION OF THE ARMS RACE IN EUROPE. EVEN THOUGH THESE PROPOSALS MET WITH POSITIVE PUBLIC RESPONSE, THEIR REALIZATION HAS NOT BEEN ACHIEVED BECAUSE OF THE THEN STILL STRONGLY EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL TENSIONS IN EUROPE, THE CLAIMS FOR REVISION OF THE TERRITORIAL STATUS QUO, AS WELL AS MANY UNSOLVED FUNDAMENTAL QUESTIONS ON OUR CONTINENT.

3. AS A RESULT OF THE PERSISTENT POLICY OF PEACE OF THE USSR AND THE SOCIALIST STATES ALLIED WITH IT AND OF THE GROWING RESPONSE TO THIS POLICY, THERE HAS BEEN A FURTHER IMPROVEMENT OF THE PREREQUISITES FOR MAKING OF EUROPE A CONTINENT OF DURABLE PEACE, A CONTINENT OF FRUITFUL COOPERATION AMONG SOVEREIGN AND EQUAL STATES, A FACTOR OF STABILITY AND UNDERSTANDING IN THE WHOLE WORLD. EVIDENCE OF THIS IS GIVEN BY THE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND FRANCE AS WELL AS THE SOVIET UNION AND THE UNITED STATES ON PRINCIPLES OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE, THE AGREEMENTS OF THE SOVIET UNION AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF POLAND WITH THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, THE FOUR- POWER AGREEMENT ON WEST BERLIN, THE TREATIES AND ARRANGEMENTS OF THE GDR GOVERNMENT WITH THE WEST BERLIN SENATE, AND THE BERLIN TREATY ABOUT THE BASES OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE GDR AND THE FRG. UNEQUIVOCAL PROOF OF THE POSITIVE POLITICAL CHANGES IN EUROPE IS ALSO FURNISHED BY THE SUCCESSFUL CONSULTATIONS PREPARATORY TO A EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE AND BY THE FACT THAT ALL STATES PARTICIPATING IN HELSINKI ACCEPT THE PREMISE THAT THIS CONFERENCE IS TO TAKE PLACE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

4. ALL THESE SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN EUROPE; THE RECOGNITION OF THE INVIOABILITY OF THE BORDERS AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THE STATES WHICH IS CONNECTED WITH THESE ARRANGEMENTS AND WITH OTHER STEPS TOWARD DETENTE; AND THE TRANSITION TO RESPECT FOR THE PRINCIPLES OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE AMONG STATES OF DIFFERENT SOCIAL SYSTEMS MAKE IT POSSIBLE NOW TO APPROACH SUCH COMPLICATED PROBLEMS AS THE REDUCTION OF FORCES AND ARMAMENTS IN EUROPE.

5. THE PROPOSAL OF THE USSR FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON THE REDUCTION
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OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS IN EUROPE, WHICH RANKS PROMINENTLY IN THE PROGRAM OF PEACE OF THE 24 TH CPSU CONGRESS, IS FULLY SUPPORTED BY THE GDR, AS SED FIRST SECRETARY ERICH HONECKER D

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6. PROGRESS ON THE WAY TO A REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES AND
ARMAMENTSNN THIS REGION COULD VACILITATE SIMILAR NEGOTIATIONS
AND ARRANGEMENTS CONCERNING OTHER AREAS OF EUROPE. SUCH A
DEVELOP-
MENTS CONCERNS THE INTERESTS OF ALL EUROPEAN STATES. WE ARE OF
THE OPINION, THEREFORE, THAT THE UPCOMING DELIBERATIONS ON THE
SOLUTION OF SUCH COMPLICATED QUESTIONS AS TROOP AND ARMS CUTS
IN EUROPE SHOULD BE NO PREROGATIVE OF THE PRESENT PACT SYSTEMS.
THERE SHOULD BE LEFT OPEN AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL EUROPEAN STATES
INTERESTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE UPCOMING NEGOTIATIONS IN AN
APPROPRIATE MANNER. WHILE, AT THE PRESENT TIME, DELEGATIONS OF
19 STATES REPRESENTED HERE IN VIENNA ARE DEALING WITH THESE
PROBLEMS, ONE SHOULD DISCUSS IN FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS A CONS-
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TRUCTIVE PARTICIPATION OF OTHER EUROPEAN STATES IF THESE EXPRESS
A DESIRE TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH NEGOTIATIONS IN ONE FORM OR
ANOTHER.

7. THIS DIMINISHES IN NO WAY THE SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND OBLIGATION OF THE STATES THAT WILL BE PARTIES TO PERTINENT AGREEMENTS.

8. OUR PREPARATORY NEGOTIATIONS AIM AT ESTABLISHING NECESSARY BASES FOR NEGO

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